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Against Religious Tests For Office

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Amid Amy Barrett Controversy and Anti-Catholic Bigotry, Catholic Group Releases New Ads Targetting Senators Smith (MN), Warner (VA), Peters (MI), Shaheen (NH) For Answers About Religious Tests for Office Performed by Democrat Leaders including Vice Presidential Nominee Kamala Harris

Questions That Need Answers; Ads Hope to Force Response

Washington, D.C.: Today, the Catholic Coalition Against Religious Tests for Office released four video advertisements pleading with four Democrat senators to stand against religious persecution by their party. The initial commercial buy is focused on Senator Peters with a healthy cable buy running immediately, but all four ads will be released and used on digital, cable, and broadcast until “We the People” get a response from these Senators. **(SCRIPT of the Peters ad is below in this release.)**

Ed Martin, leader of the Coalition, said "The Democrat Party has a Catholic problem with their leadership, including Senators Feinstein, Durbin, Schumer, Booker, and Vice Presidential nominee Kamala Harris. Several Democrat Senators have a chance to show themselves leaders in the conflict — even if it means standing up to their party leadership. The Catholic Coalition Against Religious Tests has been asking for months for these Senators to step up and lead. They refused. Today, by releasing these ads, we are encouraging citizens in Virginia, Minnesota, Michigan, and New Hampshire to demand that their senators reject the far left Biden-Harris ticket's agenda. Catholics are watching and waiting!"

Four months ago, Catholics wrote to four U.S. Senators asking them to step up and stop the bigotry against Catholics. The Church faces real threats from Democrats like a religious test for holding public office, the targetting of the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the promotion of infanticide by Virginia's governor. Despite the Judge Amy Barrett nomination controversy and charges of anti-Catholic bigotry against Vice Presidential nominee Kamala Harris, none of the Senators responded. They were sent multiple letters focusing particularly on the fact that Senators Harris, Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, and Booker so targeted Catholics that it raised objection from the President of Notre Dame, the President of Princeton, the head of the Anti-Defamation League, and even the *Harvard Law Review*. The Coalition letters with accompanying documentation are below and were addressed to Senators Mark Warner (VA), Tina Smith (MN), Gary Peters (MI), and Jeanne Shaheen (NH).

Martin's earlier letter with full backup material is attached including from Politico, The Hill, and the Harvard Law Review.

Script of Sen. Gary Peters Ad:

Gary Peters is the chosen candidate of the liberal media.

So the people of Michigan must ask him the questions that the biased media never will:

*The questioning of Catholics in Senate Hearings by
Chuck Schumer (photo)
Dick Durbin
Dianne Feinstein
Cory Booker
and now Vice Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris*

was so anti-Catholic it even brought protests from the

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*head of the Anti-Defamation League
President of Princeton University
President of Notre Dame University
and even the Harvard Law review.*

Ask Gary Peters to reject Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' assault on religious freedom and affirm Article VI of Constitution forbidding a religious test for office (and assuring Catholics and all religious believers that they have a right to hold public office.)

Ask Gary Peters to address the Democratic party's "Catholic problem:"

*Ask him **TO DISAVOW***

- the Fourteen Democratic state attorney generals who persecuted the Little Sisters of the Poor*
- the Democratic party forcing taxpayers to finance abortions right up to the moment of birth .*
- the infanticide endorsement by Democratic governor Ralph Northam who justifies the killing of children who survived abortions*

Ask Gary Peters to call on Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to reject the Democratic party extremists (Schumer, Durbin, Feinstein, Booker and Kamala photos on screen in box with Kamala bigger) and disavow their assault on Catholic civil liberties and the rights of religious believers.

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Hon. Gary Peters
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

June 15th

Dear Senator Peters,

As Catholic leaders, we write to you because of the unique opportunity you have this year to influence the national Democratic Party and especially its convention platform on an issue that is important not only to your own Catholic constituents, but to all Americans who value our nation's long and honored tradition of rejecting religious prejudice and bigotry. That issue is the preservation of the U.S. Constitution's protection of religious liberty and the assurance that no American will ever face a religious test in order to hold public office.

The American Founders' firsthand experience with religious intolerance made them determined that our democracy would be free of such bigotry and for that reason they enshrined in Article VI of the Constitution a provision against any religious test for office. Since that time, the courts have strongly protected this provision and for more than 250 years every generation of Americans has endorsed its aim and lived by its spirit.

Now, however, we believe this historic provision and America's long tradition of rejecting religious bigotry is in grave danger – a danger, we regret to say, generated by powerful members of the national Democratic Party leadership.

Thus, we are writing to you, Senator Peters, because as a Democratic incumbent who faces an intense fight for reelection, your party's leaders will, we believe, pay close attention to what you have to say on this issue since they are anxious to help you in your reelection effort.

You are fully aware – as are 4 other sitting Senators to whom we are writing because of their “endangered” electoral status (Shaheen, Smith, Warner, and Jones) that your own Senate leaders have questioned judicial candidates about their Catholic faith and their membership in Catholic charity organizations. Their leaders were, as noted in the media articles below, Senator Chuck Schumer, the majority leader; Senator Richard Durbin, the deputy majority leader; Senator Diane Feinstein, ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee; and two of your most prominent presidential candidates this year – Senator Kamala Harris and Senator Cory

Booker. So too a relative newcomer to the US Senate, Mazie Hirono, has been particularly confrontational towards Catholic nominees.

One glaring incident that recently set off expressions of alarm was the questioning of judicial nominee Amy Barrett. Those expressions of alarm came from sources that can hardly be called partisan, such as the President of the Anti-Defamation League, the President of Princeton University, the President of Notre Dame University, and the Harvard Law Review.

Here are important excerpts from published accounts of their concerns (full articles below) :

Jonathan Greenblatt of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

It is one thing for an individual to volunteer comments about the influence of religion on their life, presidential candidates do it all the time. It is quite another for someone being grilled at a Senate committee by senators who clearly are unhappy with her nomination to be forced to speak about her religiosity.

This is a moment to reiterate that there can be no religious litmus test for public officials seeking office and that surely includes judicial nominees whose fitness to serve should be based on the individual's merit: intellect, ethics, experience and achievements.

The founders of this country took the no-religious-test-for-office theme so seriously that it was in the original Constitution. Feinstein and Durbin, in their language, seemed perilously close to violating that clause

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President Eisgruber of Princeton wrote in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee that cited his own background as constitutional law scholar and extensive writing on Article VI. (*President Eisgruber Asks Senate Committee To Avoid 'Religious Test' In Judicial Appointments, Said The Hill headline.*)

"I am deeply concerned by the harsh and often unfair criticisms that are now routinely levelled from both sides of the political spectrum against distinguished judicial nominees who would serve this country honorably and well. On the basis of her accomplishments and scholarly writing, I believe that Professor Barrett is in that category. She and other nominees ought in any event to be evaluated on the basis of their professional ability and jurisprudential philosophy, not their religion: every Senator and every American should cherish and safeguard vigorously the freedom guaranteed by the inspiring principle set forth in Article VI of the United States Constitution.

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Rev. John Jenkins, the President of Notre Dame, sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee and particularly Senator Feinstein whose content Politico described with this headline: *Senators take fire over questions for Catholic judicial nominee*. Rev. Jenkins wrote:

"Your concern, as you expressed it, is that 'dogma lives loudly in [Professor Barrett], and that is a concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for years in this country... I am one in whose heart 'dogma lives loudly,' as it has for centuries in the lives of many Americans, some of whom have given their lives in service to this nation. Indeed, it lived loudly in the hearts of those who founded our nation as one where citizens could practice their faith freely and without apology."

"It is chilling to hear from a United States Senator that this might now disqualify someone from service as a federal judge. I ask you and your colleagues to respect those in whom 'dogma lives loudly'—which is a condition we call faith."

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About the controversy, *The Hill* newspaper also noted:

"All of this comes to mind as the latest controversy about the role of religion in America bubbled to the surface with [the line of questioning](#) by Senators [Dianne Feinstein](#) (D-Calif.) and [Dick Durbin](#) (D-Ill.) of Federal Appeals Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett. Both raised Barrett's religious beliefs in a way that set off alarm bells.

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One reason for those alarm bells was an earlier instance involving Senators Harris and Hirono in questioning nominee Brian Buescher. Here is one media account:

"In December 2018, for example, Sens. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, and Kamala Harris, D-Calif., suggested attorney Brian Buescher is unfit to serve as a federal judge on account of his membership in an "extreme" Catholic organization: the Knights of Columbus.

"The Knights of Columbus has taken a number of extreme positions," Hirono claimed of the 137-year-old charitable group.

"Harris, for her part, asked of the Catholic attorney: "Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman's right to choose when you joined the organization?" and, "Have you ever, in any way, assisted with or contributed to advocacy against women's reproductive rights?" and, "Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed marriage equality when you joined the organization? Just so we are all on the same page: [The Knights do not profess anything that is not already Church doctrine](#). They're in probably every parish in the U.S. They're not some crazy sect. The Knights are pro-life and pro-traditional marriage. This is not al Qaeda we are talking about.

This account also noted a prior incident involved Senators Durbin and Schumer.

“Feinstein, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., have been using anti-Catholic insinuations and innuendo since at least the early 2000s, back when Judge William Pryor was first being considered for the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senate Democrats are no strangers to suggesting Catholics are unfit to serve on the courts. It was only a matter of time before some of the higher profile Catholic judges voiced their dissent.
- Washington Examiner.

A still more recent example is the questioning of Neomi Rao. Here is a media account:

At her Feb. 5 confirmation hearing for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — to fill a vacancy resulting from Brett M. Kavanaugh’s elevation to the Supreme Court — Neomi Rao faced [tough questioning](#) from Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Cory Booker (N.J.) interrogated her about her personal views on same-sex marriage.

“Do you believe [same-sex marriages] are a sin?” he asked. Rao avoided the question by insisting that she would put her personal views to the side when deciding cases. Booker persisted: “So you’re not saying here whether you believe it is sinful for two men to be married?”

Finally, we would like to point out that this sort of questioning has been going for some time – here is a note from the *Harvard Law Review*:

[Harvard Law Review note](#) on Article VI in 2007 concludes: “The drafters and proponents of the No Religious Test Clause would be astonished to learn that members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have questioned judicial nominees under oath about their religious beliefs and the extent of those beliefs. ... Requiring a nominee under oath to profess a religious belief runs afoul of the clause [in Article VI].”

Senator, during all these controversies you have never spoken out against these attacks on religious liberty. We ask you to do so now on behalf of your Catholic constituents and, indeed, for all Americans who value our national tradition of religious freedom.

We ask that you to do this by using your influence with the national Democratic leadership and place a plank in the party 2020 Platform at your convention this July in Milwaukee specifically endorsing Article VI and condemning any attempts to establish a religious test for public office or engage in anti-Catholic attacks.

Senator, as you know, the Democratic Party now stands for abortion-on-demand paid for by taxpayers. Indeed, one prominent Democrat – Governor Northam of Virginia – has justified

infanticide of babies that are survivors of an abortion as long as the physician discusses the matter with the mother. He has done this virtually without condemnation by other Democrats.

At the same time, no less than 22 State Attorneys General of your party continue to persecute the Little Sisters of the Poor. You can imagine how this appears to the Catholic communities where the Little Sisters of the Poor are deeply respected and loved: Here is a group of ambitious political lawyers seeking to rise to higher office by appealing to extremist fringe groups that deeply hate Catholicism by engaging in a squalid and reprehensible harassment of remarkable women who give up their lives to help the poor, the elderly, and the indigent.

Obviously, the Democratic Party has a Catholic problem. Therefore, Senator Peters, we implore you to take a step toward alleviating it by using your influence with party leaders to get a plank in the party platform stating unqualified support for Article VI and the right of Catholics to hold public office. Please call on Democratic party officeholders to cease any further attacks on Catholics and Catholicism and those of our religion who seek public office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Ed Martin
Founder
Catholic Coalition Against Religious Tests For Office

Attachments

Catholic Coalition

Against Religious Tests For Office

News Release – embargoed till midnight June 15

Washington, DC - June 15, 2020 -- A group of Catholic activists has asked 5 Democratic senators in reelection fights to push a plank at the party's Milwaukee convention that breaks with their own Senate leaders and backs Catholic rights to hold office.

Citing harassment of Catholic nominees for court positions by Senators Schumer, Durbin, Feinstein, Harris and Booker, the letter emphasizes that the criticism of these attacks on Catholics does not just come from Catholic or partisan activists. The letters include recent articles and letters of concern and protest about unconstitutional anti-religious bias (citing Article VI of the Constitution) from a variety of sources including: the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Director, Notre Dame University president, Princeton University president, and Harvard Law Review.

“Senator, during all these controversies you have never spoken out against these attacks on religious liberty,” says the letter to each of the 5 senators and “we ask you to do so now on behalf of your Catholic constituents and, indeed, for all Americans who value our national tradition of religious freedom.”

“ We ask that you to do this by using your influence with the national Democratic leadership and place a plank in the party 2020 Platform at your convention this July in Milwaukee specifically endorsing Article VI and condemning any attempts to establish a religious test for public office or engage in anti-Catholic attacks.”

As a Democratic incumbent who faces an intense fight for reelection, your party's leaders will, we believe, pay close attention to what you have to say on this issue since they are anxious to help you in your reelection effort.

“Political Realities” -- Ed Martin

Ed Martin, leader of the recently established ad hoc group recently organized to safeguard the right of Catholics to hold office, said his recent letter is about “political realities.”

“Peters is facing a very tough opponent in Michigan. Senators Shaheen and Smith have states that are trending pro-Trump but their voting record puts no distance between themselves and the Schumer-Pelosi-AOC Squad. Warner faces Virginians unhappy with the state’s Democratic administration and charges that he was part of the SpyGate coverup. And Doug Jones as to explain to Alabamans why he’s a Schumer sidekick who voted the straight liberal line.”

“ We also think there really is a chance to get this plank into the platform because of another and even larger political reality – the Democratic Party does not need to be struggling with the Catholic issue at the same time it is struggling with Defund the Police or a Green New Deal that their opposition will be saying is going to wipe out hundreds of thousands if not millions of job.”

“That’s why we think there is a chance the party leadership might actually swallow their pride and do a *mea culpa*, if I may be permitted liturgical reference.” Martin added.

“Remember what the Democratic Senate leaders did with their harassment of Catholic nominees did not just cause complaints from their political opponents – complaints came from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Director and Notre Dame and Princeton Presidents. Even the Harvard Law Review had a disapproving note.”

“Democrats are Invited to Lead on This” -- Ed Martin

“Let me be clear: I have since 2015 supported Donald Trump and his policies and continue to do so today. But this issue transcends any party - both parties should respect Catholics and I hope the Democrat Party takes this chance to remove this blight on their work. Democrats are invited to lead on this important issue.”

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POLITICO

Senators take fire over questions for Catholic judicial nominee

By JOSH GERSTEIN

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At least two prominent university presidents are accusing senators of religious bias for challenging a Catholic judicial nominee over her faith-driven views during a confirmation hearing last week.

University of Notre Dame President Rev. John Jenkins and Princeton University President Christopher Eisgruber both wrote letters objecting to lawmakers' [pointed questions on the topic to Notre Dame law professor Amy Barrett](#) last week, whom President Donald Trump has nominated to the Chicago-based 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Jenkins wrote directly to the Senate Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat, Dianne Feinstein of California, taking issue with her statements that Barrett's worldview seems strongly driven by "dogma."

"Your concern, as you expressed it, is that 'dogma lives loudly in [Professor Barrett], and that is a concern when you come to big issues that large numbers of people have fought for years in this country,'" Jenkins [wrote](#). "I am one in whose heart 'dogma lives loudly,' as it has for centuries in the lives of many Americans, some of whom have given their lives in service to this nation.

Indeed, it lived loudly in the hearts of those who founded our nation as one where citizens could practice their faith freely and without apology."

"It is chilling to hear from a United States Senator that this might now disqualify someone from service as a federal judge. I ask you and your colleagues to respect those in whom 'dogma lives loudly'—which is a condition we call faith," the Notre Dame president wrote.

At the hearing, Feinstein said she was deeply worried that Barrett's fidelity to Catholic theology would lead her to ignore Supreme Court precedents on issues like abortion.

"Dogma and law are two different things," Feinstein declared. "And I think whatever a religion is, it has its own dogma. The law is totally different."

Barrett insisted that she'd abide by all precedent and that her writings on the subject actually explain that Catholic judges who find a conflict between their religious views and a specific case need to step aside from that case.

"It's never appropriate for a judge to impose that judge's personal convictions, whether they arise from faith or anywhere else, on the law," Barrett said during the hearing. She also distanced herself from views expressed in an article on the subject two decades ago with a more senior co-author.

Eisgruber's [letter](#), addressed to Feinstein and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, urged senators to "refrain from interrogating nominees about the religious or spiritual foundations of their jurisprudential views."

"Because religious belief is constitutionally irrelevant to the qualifications for a federal judgeship, the Senate should not interrogate any nominee about those beliefs. I believe, more specifically, that the questions directed to Professor Barrett about her faith were not consistent with the principle set forth in the Constitution's 'no religious test' clause," Eisgruber wrote. He cited no specific questions he found inappropriate.

During the hearing Wednesday, two Republicans—Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Jeff Flake of Arizona—also argued that the questioning of Barrett about her Catholic views crossed the line.

"I think some of the questioning you've been subjected to today seems to miss some of these fundamental constitutional protections that we all have," Sasse said.

A spokeswoman for Feinstein had no comment on the letters, but Feinstein's office also gave reporters background material last week highlighting several statements by Barrett, including a speech to Notre Dame graduates in 2006 where she said: "Your legal career is but a means to an end, and . . . that end is building the kingdom of God."

Other Democrats raised similar concerns about Barrett's writings on the interplay between Catholicism and judging, including Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois and Mazie Hirono of Hawaii.

While Democrats challenged Barrett most aggressively on the issue, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley and one of the Senate's most conservative Republicans, Ted Cruz of Texas, also asked Barrett about her views on how Catholic judges should handle conflicts between their faith and their judicial duties.

"I've read some of what you've written on Catholic judges in capital cases and, in particular, as I understand it, you argued that Catholic judges are morally precluded from enforcing the death penalty," Cruz said.

"A little bit narrower than that," Barrett said.

"I was going to ask you to just please explain your views on that, because that obviously is of relevance to the job for which you have been nominated," Cruz said.

Josh Gerstein is a senior reporter for POLITICO.



President Eisgruber asks Senate committee to avoid ‘religious test’ in judicial appointments

by the Office of Communications
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Princeton University President Christopher L. Eisgruber sent the following letter Friday, Sept. 8, to the Republican chair and the ranking Democrat on the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

September 8, 2017

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
The United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
The United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein:

I write, as a university president and a constitutional scholar with expertise on religious freedom and judicial appointments, to express concern about questions addressed to Professor Amy Barrett during her confirmation hearings and to urge that the Committee on the Judiciary refrain from interrogating nominees about the religious or spiritual foundations of their jurisprudential views.

Article VI of the United States Constitution provides explicitly that “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.” This bold endorsement of religious freedom was among the original Constitution’s most pathbreaking provisions. The Supreme Court’s unanimous decision in *Torcaso v. Watkins* (1961), holding that the First and Fourteenth Amendments render this principle applicable to state offices and that it protects non-believers along with believers of all kinds, is among the greatest landmarks in America’s jurisprudence of religious freedom. Article VI’s prohibition of religious tests is a critical guarantee of equality and liberty, and it is part of what should make all of us proud to be Americans.

By prohibiting religious tests, the Constitution makes it impermissible to deny any person a national, state, or local office on the basis of their religious convictions or lack thereof. Because religious belief is constitutionally irrelevant to the qualifications for a federal judgeship, the Senate should not interrogate any nominee about those beliefs. I believe, more specifically, that the questions directed to Professor Barrett about her faith were not consistent with the principle set forth in the Constitution’s “no religious test” clause.

I am sympathetic to the challenges that your committee faces as it considers nominees to the federal bench. In my book *The Next Justice: Repairing the Supreme Court Appointments Process* (Princeton University Press, 2007), I argued that your committee need not defer to presidential nominations, and that the Constitution permits senators to probe the judicial philosophies of nominees. It is, however, possible to probe those philosophies without reference to the religious affiliation or theological views of a nominee, and Article VI insists that the Senate observe that restriction.

The questions asked of Professor Barrett about her Catholic faith appear to have been provoked in part by her co-authored article, “Catholic Judges in Capital Cases” (1998). I have read that

article, and I believe that the views expressed in it are fully consistent with a judge's obligation to uphold the law and the Constitution. As a university president committed to free speech, academic freedom, and religious pluralism, I must add that, in my view, Professor Barrett's qualifications become stronger by virtue of her willingness to write candidly and intelligently about difficult and sensitive ethical questions: our universities, our judiciary, and our country will be the poorer if the Senate prefers nominees who remain silent on such topics.

I am deeply concerned by the harsh and often unfair criticisms that are now routinely levelled from both sides of the political spectrum against distinguished judicial nominees who would serve this country honorably and well. On the basis of her accomplishments and scholarly writing, I believe that Professor Barrett is in that category. She and other nominees ought in any event to be evaluated on the basis of their professional ability and jurisprudential philosophy, not their religion: every Senator and every American should cherish and safeguard vigorously the freedom guaranteed by the inspiring principle set forth in Article VI of the United States Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher L. Eisgruber

cc: Senator Orrin G. Hatch
Senator Patrick Leahy
Senator Lindsey Graham
Senator Dick Durbin
Senator John Cornyn
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Senator Michael S. Lee
Senator Amy Klobuchar

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Coalition to Protect Catholics Gains Momentum

Democrats In Danger over Issue that Divides Them - Catholics March on Milwaukee?

Washington, D.C.: A new coalition of Catholic leaders is calling on five vulnerable Democrat U.S. Senators to break with their party leadership and condemn attacks on the Catholic faith of nominees and officeholders. The Catholic Coalition Against Religious Tests for Office sent a letter to Senators Peters (MI), Shaheen (NH), Smith (MN), Warner (VA), and Jones (AL) asking them to sponsor a Democrat Party platform plank in Milwaukee that bans "religious tests" against Catholics in public office.

"The Democrat party has long had a 'Catholic problem,'" said Ed Martin, president of Phyllis Schlafly Eagles and member of the Catholic Coalition Against Religious Tests for Office. "From their radical pro-abortion stance that is antithetical to Catholic doctrine to their routine blockade of Catholic judicial nominees, this persecution against Catholic voices has caught the attention of many across the political spectrum.

"It's time for Catholic Democrat leaders to address this head-on, and in light of the uphill reelections that five particular Democrat senators face, they have a chance to lead at their party's convention this year. It's time for Democrats to

address our Article VI constitutional obligation and reject religious tests against Catholics."

The Coalition's momentum has been widely noted by *Real Clear Politics*, *Breitbart*, *Politico*, and many more. Visit PhyllisSchlafly.com/CatholicCoalition for more information.

Resources and media coverage:

[Will Democrats Do the Right Thing Respecting Catholics? — American Greatness](#)



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Pennsylvania	48.3	45.0	Biden +3.3
Wisconsin	46.7	42.7	Biden +4.0
North Carolina	45.5	45.8	Trump +0.3
Arizona	46.7	43.3	Biden +3.4

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